

Fourth Ward Report

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Minneapolis 311

Dial 311 from any phone in the City limits. Outside of the City call: 612-673-3000

E-mail 311: minneapolis311@minn eapolismn.gov

311 Online Services: http://www.minneapolismn.gov/311/

4th Ward Neighborhood Group Links

Cleveland

Folwell

Lind Bohanon

Jordan

Shingle Creek

Victory

Webber Camden

Election

It's easy to find out where to vote Nov. 6

Minneapolis has been redistricted, and the new wards and precincts are being used for the first time in the 2012 elections. That means many residents will vote in new wards, and a number of polling places are in new locations. Voters in Minneapolis should plan ahead to make sure they know where to vote on Election Day, Nov. 6, and there are several easy ways to find your polling place.

You can find out where to vote by visiting the Minnesota Secretary of State's polling place finder polling place finder at **www.mnvotes.org**. On the website, you can also confirm whether you're registered to vote or learn what you need to do to register at the polls on Election Day.

Voters can also see a new <u>map</u> on the City's website that shows the new ward and precinct boundaries along with a list of polling places for each precinct. To see the map, or for more information on voting this fall, visit the City's elections web page at <u>www.minneapolismn.gov/elections</u>. Voters can also get election information by calling 311. Residents should note that although Minneapolis will use the new wards in the 2012 elections, folks will continue to be represented by their current City Council member, with the previous ward boundaries, through 2013.



Home Security and Burglary Prevention Workshop

MPD Crime Prevention Specialists will show you what you need to know to reduce your chances of being the victim of a property crime at this

free workshop:

Date: Thursday November 15th, 2012

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Place: Minneapolis Police Department 4th Precinct

1925 Plymouth Avenue (Parking available across the street)

- How landscaping and lighting can deter burglary.
- What kind of locks and security hardware you really need.
- The real scoop on home burglar alarms are they effective?
- Effective home security habits and practices.
- 100% guaranteed way to prevent Theft from Auto!

Please RSVP to Tim Hammett at 673-2866 or timothy.hammett@minneapolismn.gov

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Yard Waste Pickup Ends for Season the Week of November 12

Mark your calendar for the week of Nov. 12: It's the last week that yard waste will be picked up as part of your regular garbage collection service this year.



Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling customers can set compostable bags of yard waste, bundles of brush and reusable yard waste containers next to their garbage cart by 6 a.m. on their garbage collection day through their pickup day in the week of Nov. 12. Branches and leaves must be tied with string or twine, bagged in a compostable bag or placed loose in a reusable container. Branches must be less than three inches each in diameter and less than three feet long. Bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds. All compostable bags and reusable containers must be 33 gallons or less and weigh less than 40 pounds.

Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling customers should remember that all bagged yard waste put out for collection must now be in compostable bags – either Kraft (paper) bags or compostable plastic bags – or reusable containers. This change is required by state law, and in Minneapolis it began with this year's yard waste collection season. Anyone who prefers not to purchase compostable bags may place unbagged yard waste in a reusable container with sturdy handles. Other options include dropping off yard waste at a compost facility and taking the bag back home, or composting yard waste at home and using the nutrient-rich compost for gardens and lawns.

For questions about leaf and brush pickup, call 612-673-2917 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or visit **www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/yardwaste.**



One Sort Containers

The first round of Minneapolis recycling customers will get new blue recycling carts in November. If one is delivered to your home, start using it immediately for all of your recycling. No sorting is needed; all of the recyclables simply go into the one cart. Recycling has never been easier. Just make sure not to include garbage or other non-recyclables, and rinse all your bottles, cans, jars and cartons. For anyone who does not recycle, this is the perfect time to begin. Minneapolis is rolling out one-sort

recycling in two phases; if you do not get the new cart with this rollout, you will begin when you get a cart next year in the second phase. Start when you get the cart. A letter with instructions will come to your home about a week before you get the cart. One-sort recycling customers will stay on the same recycling schedules as before. While routes and schedules won't change, the time the truck comes may change. Make sure to have your recycling at your collection point by 6 a.m. on your recycling day. You may keep your old bin for other uses such as garage storage or for carrying your recyclables from your home to your new cart, or you can leave it at the curb or alley and our crews will recycle it.

Since the routes run street by street (and alley by alley) rather than by neighborhood or quadrant, the routes chosen for the first phase are all over the city. This is the most efficient way to roll out the new carts and keep your service high during the transition. For more information and FAQs, visit

http://www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/recycling/WCMS1P-099079

Lowry Bridge

As you may know by now, the Lowry Bridge has reopened. The grand opening ceremony took place on Saturday, October 27th. It is particularly impressive at night with the LED lights lighting the bridge. This is a \$100 million investment in our north and northeast communities.



Top 5 Fourth Ward Service Requests to Minneapolis 311



Minneapolis 311 is a simple, three-digit number residents, businesses and visitors can call to reach the City to inquire about services, report problems, check the status of issues, or get information.

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Rank	Department Name	Service Request Type	Number of Service Requests
1	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	76
2	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	74
3	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	47
4	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	41
5	PW Solid Waste & Recycling	Graffiti complaint / reporting	35